

CALAMITY
IS FEARED

No Tidings From Island of Jamaica Since Saturday

CABLE LINE IS BROKEN

There Is Doubt Whether This Is Due to Hurricane or to Earthquake—At Cleveland, Seismographs Recorded a Heavy Shock.

Halifax, Nov. 10.—Grave anxiety is felt here about the island of Jamaica. Cable communication with Kingston has been cut off since Saturday, when a hurricane was sweeping the island. It is believed the hurricane would not break the cables, and volcanic eruptions similar to the Pelee outbreak are feared.

The cable offices announced to-day that their West Indian cables are working only as far as Santiago de Cuba. No messages are being accepted for Porto Rico and the Danish West Indies. Officials of the company are in doubt whether the interruption is due to a hurricane or an earthquake. Efforts to locate the trouble have been of no avail.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE
RECORDED TODAY

One of the Worst Ever Recorded at Cleveland, and Motion of Which Was from East to West.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 10.—Seismographs here record an earthquake of twenty minutes' duration here early to-day, believed to be in Japan or China. The shock was one of the heaviest ever recorded and was peculiar in that it was from east to west, whereas the majority of earthquakes are from north to south.

RECOVERY DOUBTFUL

Ernest B. Tibbetts of Amesbury, Mass., Shot Himself.

Amesbury, Mass., Nov. 10.—Ernest B. Tibbetts, aged 28 years, and son of Clarence Tibbetts of Thompson street, shot himself through the right temple late yesterday afternoon with suicidal intent.

Tibbetts is in the employ of a life insurance company and visited Haverhill Monday afternoon, where he passed the night. He returned yesterday forenoon and during the afternoon visited a local hotel, where he procured a room.

Tibbetts was found unconscious upon the floor with a 32-calibre revolver at his side. He was removed to the Anna Jacques hospital at Newburyport early last evening. His chances of recovery are slim.

NINE BODIES FOUND
IN MINE ACCIDENT

There Are Believed to Be From Five to Ten More in Mine at Nanticoke, Pa., Where There Was an Explosion Last Night.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 10.—Nine bodies were recovered from the Anthracite colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western at Nanticoke, where a number of miners were shut in by a fire which followed an explosion last night. From five to ten more are missing, and there is little chance of their rescue. The fire is still burning, but it is believed to be under control.

MORE EVIDENCE TO-DAY

Submitted in Rutland County Court Against Eddy.

Rutland, Nov. 10.—The prosecution in the trial of Robert Eddy in Rutland county court to-day introduced a cork which was found near an alcohol bottle that was picked up near the home of Mary Jane Johnson, who was murdered in Wallingford. The cork showed where a knife had been stuck into it. A witness had previously testified to seeing the respondent pry a cork from a bottle of alcohol with a knife blade, on the day before the murder. It was shown that Eddy admitted to the officer that he bought alcohol the day before. The state has 34 exhibits of furniture, clothing, etc.

ALL "MIND BIDS."

Not One Accompanied By Check For Big Fight.

New York, Nov. 10.—Through the statement of a sporting man who is close to Jeffries, it has developed that the fabulous offers for the big fight were all "mind bids," not one promoter having backed his bid with a check. It is believed the fight will go to California, but San Francisco promoters each fear to go on record with a bid which others would raise.

OPERA HOUSE TO-NIGHT AND THURSDAY

Among the arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day were J. A. Banks, St. Johnsbury; F. C. Evans, Boston; F. C. Hannaford, Boston; A. J. Spellman, Boston; P. G. Lamson, Boston; Fred Blanchard, Boston; C. P. Heath, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bacon, Wells River; F. H. Day, Concord; N. H. John Mills, Boston; H. H. Brown, New York; William Sternberg, Springfield, Mass.; S. C. Shepardson, Albany, N. Y.; A. A. Winship, Boston; J. E. Halloran, Boston; Edward W. Clark, Boston; Fred Fuller, Northfield; R. W. Hamme, New York; F. R. Jordan, Jr., Boston; P. T. Donavan, Burlington; A. C. Fletcher, Springfield, Mass.

DISPATCHER'S ERROR FATAL.

C. A. Noakes, Formerly of Montpelier, Killed at Orleans, Vt.

Orleans, Nov. 10.—Dispatcher Liverpool of the Canadian Pacific railway at Lyndonville became confused with his train orders early yesterday morning and as a result a terrible collision between a wild engine, bound north, and a freight train, southbound, occurred just north of this village, when the life of Frederick C. A. Noakes, formerly of Montpelier, was instantly crushed out. Noakes was employed on the freight engine and he was pinned between the engine cab and tender. Engineer E. C. Cass of the freight engine and Engineer Joseph Polson and Fireman H. Reese of the wild engine were all injured, but not seriously. They all reside in Newport. Roy Skinner of Barton, a brakeman on the freight train, was also injured.

Both trains were running under telegraph orders, the wild engine being ordered to run from Summit to Newport and the freight train receiving orders to run from Newport to Orleans. The lone engine was running backwards.

The crash came a short distance north of the local station, when both engines were demolished. Engineer Polson was hurled through the cab window and the first that he remembered was when his friends were throwing water on his face. Fireman Reese found himself buried in the sand beside his engine, but miraculously enough was but slightly injured. Engineer Cass received a broken foot and was injured about the head and back.

The wreck train arrived here at 5:25 o'clock and at ten o'clock the track was cleared. None of the cars of the freight train were derailed.

It is said that when Dispatcher Liverpool discovered his error, he was wild with remorse and made every effort to rectify it. During the day he was inconceivable.

Mr. Noakes, the dead fireman, was about 25 years of age and was only recently married. Only a short time ago he had threatened to quit the railroad because he was not given an engine to run. The body was taken last evening to Newport.

TOLD OF HIS SUICIDE
IN LETTER TO FRIEND

Charles B. Perkins, a Fitchburg Storekeeper, Was Found Hanging in Back Part of His Shop Late Yesterday.

Fitchburg, Mass., Nov. 10.—Charles B. Perkins, aged 64 years and one of the well-known residents of the city, committed suicide by hanging in his place of business, 124 1/2 Blossom street yesterday afternoon. His body was found hanging from a beam in the rear of the store by Patrolman Whiting, who went to the place after being informed through a letter which was written by Perkins some time during the day to A. B. Reed, in which he stated that he intended to end his life. The letter was in substance as follows:

"Find me hanging in my shop. See Mr. Bullock, the agent of the property. Come in the back door. Keys are in the front door. Bank book and money in desk drawer. Goodbye to all. Fraternally yours, C. B. Perkins."

The letter was posted at Fitchburg at 2 yesterday afternoon. It was received by Mr. Reed late in the afternoon and he immediately notified the police. Patrolman Whiting went to the place and upon entering the shop found the body suspended from the beam, with a noose about the neck.

A physician was called and, upon making an examination, stated that the man had been dead about two hours. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms at the request of the medical examiner.

Mr. Perkins had been despondent for several weeks, it is said. He was about his place of business as usual yesterday and attended to his duties. He did not go to his noonday meal, which was his usual custom, but nothing was thought of it as he frequently remained away owing to business.

Mr. Perkins had been in business in this city for several years. About a year ago he attempted to commit suicide by inhaling gas at his home on Mt. Vernon street. The police officer who yesterday found his lifeless body was the one that saved his life on that occasion. Perkins at that time was taken from his home in an unconscious condition and a physician who was called saved his life.

He is survived by a daughter, who lives at West Orange, N. J.

CHAMPION TOO STRONG.

Italian Wrestler Aspirant Gave Good Exhibition Against Gotch, However.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, defeated Giovanni Ravichich of Italy at the Coliseum last night in two straight falls, the first in 10 minutes, 25 seconds, and the second in 5 minutes and 28 seconds.

The match was at catch-as-catch-can. Gotch won the first fall with a croch and bar arm hold. The Italian gave a fine exhibition of wrestling skill, but the champion was too agile and strong for him. In the second fall Gotch pinned his antagonist to the mat with a cross leg hammer and wrist lock hold.

TAFT AT RICHMOND.

Made His Last Stop Today on His Way Home.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 10.—President Taft arrived here early today. He was driven to the home of Governor Swanson, where he breakfasted. He will remain here until five this afternoon, when the final jangle to Washington will begin. This morning Taft addressed the Virginia Press association at the capitol. This afternoon he will review the street parade after he talks at the city auditorium.

SAIL FOR HOME FRIDAY.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and Daughter Have Gone to Naples.

Rome, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, completely reassured regarding her husband by African dispatches, left to-day with her daughter for Naples. They will sail for New York on Friday.

SETTLEMENT
WITH FOSTER

Vermont Man Will Get \$45,000 From Mrs. Eddy's Estate

GEO. N. GLOVER, \$145,000

End of Big Suit Brought by Two Heirs of the Head of the Christian Science Church—A Legal Complication in New York.

Boston, Nov. 10.—The trustees of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy's estate announced to-day that a settlement of her estate had been arrived at with George U. Glover, her son, and with E. J. Foster Eddy, an adopted son, by which they renounce all claims to her wealth at her death. Mr. Glover is to get \$245,000, and Dr. Foster Eddy will get \$45,000. This ends a big suit, in which Senator W. E. Chandler of New Hampshire was counsel for the heirs.

Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy, named in the dispatch, is a resident of Waterbury Center and is well known in the Masonic fraternity, in which he occupies a high position.

New York, Nov. 10.—The legal demand for the books, papers and vouchers of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, made by the anti-Staton clan, will probably be refused to-night at a meeting of the board of trustees. If so, immediate court action will be taken and the secrets of the church be laid bare.

New York, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Maudie Kism Babcock, a former Christian Science practitioner under Mrs. Staton, declared to-day that Mrs. Staton tried to assassinate her by mental means because she opposed her. Mrs. Babcock declared that the evidence of this is in possession of the directors of the Christian Science church in Boston. She describes the "assassination" attempt thus:

"At midnight I was awakened by icy blasts aspening through an open window from New York. My teeth chattered, my heart fluttered; luminous waves rolled toward me and covered me with the faces of the dead. I felt like a man being electrocuted. It seemed that my soul went out of my body. In this hour of agony, I saw Mrs. Staton all around me. I tottered from the bed, lit the lights, grasped a Testament, and, falling on my knees, I read aloud.

"Then I returned to bed and sat crouching and muttering: 'God is good; nothing can harm me.' When my husband returned, early in the morning, he said that he, too, felt like suffocating. We passed the rest of the night together, reading the Bible to ward off the attack."

TALK OF THE TOWN

Three best makes in \$1.00 corsets sold at Vaughan's.

R. P. McGrath went to Groton to-day on a business trip.

A. M. Morrison went to Waterbury this morning on business.

Mrs. H. H. Jackson went to Boston to-day for a visit with friends.

Miss Mildred Phelps went to Boston to-day for a few days' visit with friends.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Abbot, 11 North Seminary street, Monday, November 8.

Some thermometers registered as low as 2 below zero in Barre this morning, the first zero weather of the season.

Regular convocation of Ruth chapter, O. E. S., will be held Wednesday evening, November 10, at 7 o'clock sharp.

Opera house to-night and Thursday night, Pittsburgh-Detroit world's championship games. Other good pictures.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Simonetti died last night and was buried at 3 o'clock this afternoon in Hope cemetery.

Charles Thompson was arrested this forenoon by Officer Carle and locked up in the police station on the charge of intoxication.

Joseph Nelback of the firm of Jenny & Nelback, retail granite dealers of Utica, N. Y., is in the city for a few days' business visit. While here he is stopping at the home of Alexander Buchanan.

The tourist club will observe gentlemen's evening with Mrs. Whitehead, Thursday evening, November 11, at 8:30 o'clock. All those who cannot be present will please notify Mrs. Brown before Thursday noon.

Among the arrivals at the Hotel Otis yesterday were A. H. Brackett, Burlington; W. H. Brackett, Boston; H. J. LaRoe, Burlington; H. J. Diagle, Burlington; Sanford Wallin, New York; B. M. Sweeney, Albany, N. Y.; Aaron Berman, Littleton, N. H.; D. E. Field, Detroit, Mich.; W. A. Martin, Plainfield; D. Dorset, Boston.

Miss Rita Carlyle, who played the leading lady's role in "The Thief" at the Barre opera house Saturday night, has been taken by Charles Frohman to fill a part in a Broadway production, which was made vacant by the illness of the actress who has been playing it. Miss Carlyle left her "The Thief" company following the presentation of the play in Burlington Monday night. Her part in "The Thief" has been filled by an understudy.

To-day sees the close of an excellent program of both pictures and vaudeville at the Pavilion, Delisle, the juggler, being the hit of the bill, with the George C. Austin company a very close second. In Delisle, one sees a juggler of exceptional ability, who has a line of stunts that differ greatly from those used by other jugglers. His trick with the five bats is said to be one of the most difficult known. The rapidity with which he works is also very catchy. The feature picture of the program, entitled, "The Witch's Cavern," is an excellent Selig production and won a large round of applause; something that is very unusual in Barre.

RELATIVES DROVE
GIRL FROM HOME

Later She Was Found Dead in Bed at The Home of Some Friends—State's Attorney Williams is Investigating Case.

EUGENE RYAN KNOCKED DOWN
AND STEPPED ON BY HORSE

He Had Tried to Save Life of Little Girl Who Was in Team and Clinging to the Seat—Child Thrown Out But Not Hurt.

Newport, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Fred Rollins of Newport Center drove into town yesterday with her little daughter, aged four years. Walking in the back of the wagon to procure a hitch rope, the horse became frightened and ran wildly up Main street, the little girl clutching tightly to the wagon seat.

Opposite the court house Eugene Ryan ran in front of the horse and was knocked down, he receiving cuts on the back, head and one arm and a severe bruise on the chest, where was firmly imprinted a hoof print. The little girl was thrown out of the wagon, but received only a slight injury to one side of her face. Ryan's condition is considered critical.

OFFICER SHOT HORSE

Which Had Broken Its Leg in Running To-day.

A horse owned by Samuel Thompson slipped and fell on Washington street this forenoon, breaking one of its legs, so that it had to be killed. Officer George Carle shot the animal with his revolver. Mr. Thompson had unhitched this horse from the wagon to feed it, and the horse got away from him and ran down the hill. Mr. Thompson said that he thought the horse was a four-year-old, ran in play, more than anything else, and when it was opposite Perry street it slipped in the street and fell to the ground, breaking a leg.

DENIES RESPONSIBILITY.

Proprietor of Hotel Says He Warned Woman to Keep Away from Mangle.

When the plaintiff rested in the trial of Abbie Duggan vs. Thomas J. Heaphy in Washington county court to-day, the defendant went on the stand and denied responsibility for the accident which befell the plaintiff while working in the laundry of the defendant's hotel, the Pavilion, in Montpelier. He testified that the accident happened after he had warned the woman to keep away from the mangle in the laundry, that he had warned the woman not to start up steam for the machine while he (Heaphy) was away in Brattleboro, and he had also told the employees not to run the elevator.

In closing up the plaintiff's side of the suit for damages, the woman's attorney put on two physicians, Mrs. C. E. Chandler and C. N. Hunt, this morning, to tell about the woman's injuries.

Judge E. L. Waterman, who is presiding over this term of court, got word yesterday that his brother, Herbert D. Waterman, had died at Hinsdale, N. H., after a long illness. Judge Waterman will go there to attend the funeral, which will be held to-morrow afternoon.

MASONIC MINSTRELS GOOD.

They Gave Entertainment at Masonic Fair Last Evening.

There was a crowded house last evening at the second night of the Masonic fair. The entertainment given by the Masonic minstrels proved very successful and enjoyable. The program, consisting of solos and chorus singing, was rendered in a very creditable manner. The soloists were: Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Gilbert Phillips and Charles W. McMillan, jr., kept the audience in laughter with well pointed jokes. The following is the program for the juvenile concert to be given this evening: Mandolin selection, Misses Tosi; song, "I'm a Pilgrim," Master Newell Parker; violin solo, Master George Troupe; song, selected, Miss Lorraine Lorange; mandolin selection, Misses Tosi.

BRANDON MAN FINED.

Andrew Rondeau Pays Up For Dealing in Liquor.

Brandon, Nov. 10.—Andrew Rondeau was arrested Monday evening by Officers Sisco and Fletcher and taken to jail, where he was held on the charge of selling liquor illegally. Rondeau was brought before Judge E. O. Cool yesterday morning and was fined \$500 for illegal selling and the court imposed a fine of \$500 and costs amounting to nearly \$320. Rondeau paid the cash and was released. The officers found several kinds of liquor in Rondeau's room in the Wright block.

MORRISON—THOMPSON.

Marriage of Graniteville People in This City This Forenoon.

Henry Morrison and Miss Katherine D. Thompson, both of Graniteville, were united in marriage by Rev. W. E. Brute this morning at 11 o'clock, at the home of the pastor at 6 Averill street. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Beagle of Franklin street. Mrs. Beagle being a sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison left on the noon train for Boston, and on their return will reside in Graniteville.

WOUNDED POLICEMAN BETTER.

John H. Ryan of Burlington Progressing Favorably.

Burlington, Nov. 10.—The condition of Policeman John H. Ryan, who on Monday was shot by John A. Thomas, a negro supposed to be insane, was very favorable yesterday. The bullet passed through the thigh of the left leg, but did not come in contact with any muscle.

FIRE AT BELLWIS FALLS.

Destroyed House as Tenants Were Changing.

Bellows Falls, Nov. 10.—A two-story house, the property of Burt Lovell, was burned to the ground yesterday morning. It was valued at \$1,600. The family, who had been living in the house, moved Monday and it was to be occupied by the new owners yesterday.

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READY FOR BASKET BALL.

Manager Comelli of Spaulding High Arranging a Schedule.

The newly formed athletic council at Spaulding high school, under a constitution recently adopted by the school, has elected Charles Comelli, a member of the senior class, as school basket ball manager, and he is now busy arranging a schedule of games for the coming season. The outlook is rather promising for a good team this season, as nearly all of last year's successful team are in school and will probably be candidates for places on the team. Basket ball is the first of athletics to be taken up in the school this year, since foot ball is not played there.

The athletic council, which governs all branches of athletics in the school, is composed of the principal of the school, the athletic director, the managers of the teams and three others, who may be chosen from the alumni of the school or from those about town who are interested in the advancement of athletics at Spaulding. The three latter are James P. Higgins and James Kenefick, both graduates, and John T. Averill, a former student at the school. The alumni association is empowered, under the constitution, to elect these three; but since it would not be easy to get the alumni together for the purpose of putting in a new meeting in June, it was left with the president to appoint an electing committee, which was done, with the choice of the three men as a result.

The managers of the track and base ball teams will be selected by the council at a later date from candidates selected by the school, and they will then become members of the council.

WANT POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Montpelier Board of Trade Will Ask for Branch of That Service.

The regular meeting of the Montpelier board of trade was held last night, with only a small attendance. President DeLozier gave an outline of the work the board had accomplished and presented its future possibilities. It was voted to work in conjunction with the members of the Vermont Automobile club in putting up appropriate signs for tourists, and, on the motion of S. S. Hallard, the committee on municipalities was authorized to act in the future.

A collector has been appointed to assist the treasurer in making collections of dues and admission fees remaining unpaid. The matter of introducing into this city a branch of the Postal Telegraph company was discussed and resolutions were passed authorizing the directors of the board of trade to urge on the officials of that company the installation of a branch office in Montpelier at their earliest convenience.

Reports were given by the chairman of the various committees, and a resolution was introduced extending to January 1, 1910, the time within which subscriptions to the board of trade fund of \$50,000 may become operative and binding, and urging that every effort be made to secure subscriptions to the full amount on or before that date.

GRANITE MEN TO BANQUET.

At Annual Meeting of Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association.

The Barre Granite Manufacturers' association has decided to hold a banquet on the evening of its annual meeting on December 8. The idea is for the banquet to take the place of the outing, which the association has held in previous summers but did not hold this summer. The banquet will follow the annual business meeting and will be held in the Woodmen's hall. The association has planned to make the banquet as enjoyable as possible and has invited granite men to be present from Quincy, Westley and Hardwick. Invitations have also been sent to officers of the National Granite Manufacturers' association and to members of the Retail Monument Dealers' association. The banquet will close with postprandial exercises, at which the visitors will be called on for speeches.

MRS. SAMUEL ABARE DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon Following Three Weeks' Illness.

Mrs. Samuel Abare died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, 9 Short street, after a three weeks' illness with dropsy. The deceased was 35 years of age and was born in Three Rivers, P. O. She leaves a husband and three young children and her mother, Mrs. Peniston. The funeral will be held from St. Monica's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the local trustees at the home of Dr. Joe W. Jackson on South Main street this evening.

SMALL RATE OF MORTALITY

Although There Were 100 Cases of Contagious Disease in Barre Last Month

Most of the Cases Were of Measles. Health Officer Lamb Defended by Alderman Campbell—Other Doings of Aldermen.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen last evening, the report of the health officer for the month of October was read, showing that there had been 100 cases of contagious disease reported during the month, of which 86 were measles, seven scarlet fever and seven typhoid fever. Three deaths occurred out of this total, two of typhoid fever and one of scarlet fever. The total deaths for the month were 11, with 23 births.

Alderman Hoyt stated to the board that it had been reported to him that there were children from a family on Maple avenue, where a death had recently occurred from scarlet fever, going to school every day. He said he did not know the name of the family and could not vouch for the truthfulness of the report.

Alderman Campbell said he knew that the health officer had been looking after the contagious disease cases very carefully, and if there was any such case as this, the fault must lie with the attending physician not having reported the case to the health officer, as he is required to do. The matter was referred to the health committee to investigate.

Alderman Ross reported that Mrs. A. Bottiggi had two ducks killed by dogs, and he recommended that she be paid 75 cents apiece for them. On motion of Alderman Campbell, the report was accepted.

The fire committee, to whom had been referred the question of installing fire alarm boxes in ward four, reported that boxes should be set at the corner of Newton and Farwell streets and at the corner of Prospect avenue and Beckley street. On motion of Alderman Ewen, the report was accepted and the boxes ordered installed.

The fire committee also reported that they had conferred with Fire Chief Gladding and Inspector P. M. Carr in regard to the fire alarm system, and both claimed that the system is in good working order. The whistle, he said, had to be sent away for repairs recently, but was now working satisfactorily. Permits were ordered granted to the Barre Steam company to enlarge its boiler room four feet for the purpose of putting in a new boiler and to Jones & Stevens to erect two chimneys in their stone shed. A permit was also granted to Peter Ricciardi to move a henhouse on Scamplin square.

A letter was read from S. Hollister Jackson of the public service commission in regard to the communication received last week by the council from the officials of the Central Vermont railroad, in which the railroad complained against workmen walking on the tracks in going to and from their stone sheds. Mr. Jackson said that the commission had done everything possible to put a stop to track-walking throughout the state, and the railroad was doing the same, but the law in regard to walking on the tracks had been found to be inadequate in this state. He said that the conditions here were very hard to handle, on account of the many stone sheds beside the tracks, but he hoped that the city would take some action on the question, either by ordinance or by building foot bridges over the tracks.

Alderman Campbell said that he did not consider it was the duty of the city to look after this trouble; that it concerned the Central Vermont entirely. The Central Vermont, he said, wants the city to build a foot-bridge across the river beside its bridge below Granite street, in order to stop the men going across the railroad bridge. This would be a considerable expense to the city, and it would not stop people then. The men working below the Harrison shed, who live in the south part of the city, could go around by Blackwell street, and the distance would be but little farther for them to walk.

Alderman Thurston said that the city could not erect a bridge there, except on private property, and if the foot-bridge was built, it would be only an invitation to people to walk the tracks to get to this bridge. On motion of Alderman Alexander, the clerk was instructed to inform the commissioners that the city had already offered to take the matter up with the Central Vermont, when they met them for the river hearing.

The mayor presented the name of Thomas Davidson, to become a call member of the fire department, and he was unanimously confirmed.

CITY COUNCIL ALSO MET.

This concluded the business of the aldermen and a meeting of the city council was called to consider the contract with the Consolidated Lighting company for lighting the city streets and buildings. After the contract, as drawn up by the company, had been read, Alderman Thurston stated that by the terms of this contract the city would have no right to substitute gas lights for the small incandescent street lights, as the council had talked of doing, for lighting certain streets all night, and he thought that the matter should be looked after and a clause inserted, giving the city a chance to discontinue those lights, if they wished at any time to do so. The contract was then referred to the lighting committee and the city attorney.

Alderman Ewen reported that the P. D. Ladd company wanted to buy or lease the old city building, or that part of the building owned by the city, to be used as a bakery. This stirred up some